

FIRECRIER

West Des Moines Fire Department
September, 2011

UPCOMING DATES

- ▶ October 1st - Annual FD Scavenger Hunt – Timberline Campgrounds
 - ▶ October 2nd - WDM FD F/F Memorial
 - ▶ October 9th - Fire Prevention Week
 - ▶ October 15th - Pancake Breakfast and Open House @ #17 – 7-11 a.m.
 - ▶ October 16th - Acquired Structure Training/Burn – Army Post Road -09:00 a.m.
 - ▶ 11/11/11- 50 years of dedicated service to celebrate !!!!!- Nov-10th City Reception.....Nov.12 – PARTY!
 - ▶ December 3rd -Annual FD Recognition Dinner– Sacred Heart Church
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EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Fire Marshal Whitsell; Lt. Westhoff and Investigators O'Connell and Siembieda recently attended the IAAI conference in WDM.

ON THE SPOTS

Paul O'Connell

PROMOTIONAL PROCESS

Congratulations to Jeremy Nelson who was promoted to Lieutenant on 9/11/11 and sworn in by Mayor Gaer on 9/19. Also, congratulations to Matt Lehman and Neil Weglarz who made the civil service list after 6 different evaluation exercises/tests.

HE's BACK

Jacob Shapansky was hired for a full-time F/F position after having been with us as POC and then WDM EMS. Jacob is also finishing up his Paramedic Specialist training. Welcome Back!

MOVING ON

Josh Boyle- 4 years Sta. #17 has moved to Urbandale for his new full-time F/F career. Thanks for your Service Josh and good luck in Urbandale.



West Des Moines fire Dept. Remembers 9/11

On Thursday evening, members of the West Des Moines Fire Dept. set up a display in front of Fire Station 17. Flags were set up with a light for each flag in remembrance of 9/11. The station mascots, the Pups as they are known watched over the flags. 343 firefighters lost their lives on that tragic day. They will never be forgotten. Members of the Department that assisted were:

Lt.'s Rodney Benson, James Gathercole, Geoff Elliott. Firefighters: Ryan Knowles, Nick Evans, Rob Mackey, Nick Heuer. Tyrone Belle and Josh Sienkiewicz and members of his family Trisha, Cassidy and Tyler.

NTS Is Killing me (Chief). Literally since his CO exposure at #18.

The above famous syndrome is wearing the Chief down. This month we have LEARNED:

- a) How to kill all mice and other rodents at Station #18.
- b) How NOT to test the impact resistance of \$200 fire helmets.
- c) That “Fuel MIX” does not mean gasoline and “air”.



Jeremy, Tracey and the ever-energetic Charlotte



Mayor Gaer swearing in Lt. Nelson- Official day of promotion is 9/11/2011.

Will gets to use our Per Oxygen mask at the recent 3rd street fire.



No working smoke detectors.....

